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GERMANS ARE DEFEATED IN POLAND; CRACOW BESIEGED, SAY RUSSIANS

SECRET NEW BAFF EVIDENCE PROMISES TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF HIS KILLING

Detectives Say "Favorable Developments" in Clearing Mystery Are at Hand.

NARROW HUNT FOR CAR.

Witnesses to View Five Machines Suspected of Including One Used by Slayers.

This is the eleventh day since Ernest Baff was shot to death by two gunmen in crowded West Washington Market. No arrests. The long-looked-for evidence in the mystery surrounding the Baff case was heralded as found at Headquarters to-day.

Such importance do Inspector Faurot and his aides in the Homicide Bureau place in this new found evidence that they were almost ready to-day to compare the present status of the case to that of the Rosenthal affair when the first weakening in the Rose-Webber-Vallion coterie suddenly threw open all the inner workings of the murder plot.

In such a critical position does the Baff case present itself now, with this new evidence only partially revealed and not as yet pushed to its source, that the most rigid secrecy is thrown around this new development, and Inspector Faurot to-day would say nothing more than that "very favorable developments have come."

It was learned to-day that last night, after the receipt of this new information, Inspector Faurot, Capt. Carey of the Homicide Bureau and Capt. Gray of the Branch Detective Bureau were closeted in Headquarters until after 11 o'clock.

SEARCH FOR "MURDER CAR" NARROWS DOWN.

Whether they were alone or in conference with some one outside the Police Department could not be definitely determined. Progressing step for step with this

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**COCKTAILS ESCAPE TAX,
BOTTLED BOOZE GETS IT**

Drinks Served in Glasses Exempt, but "Containers" Must Bear War Revenue Stamp.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Don't put a war tax stamp on your cocktail. The Treasury Department, in a special decision this afternoon, said drinks don't have to be stamped if made "for immediate consumption from glasses."

"However," said the Treasury, "bar bottles or other containers from which sales by the drink are made must be stamped and the stamps completely obliterated when emptied. New stamps must be affixed at each refilling. If sales by the drink are made from wine kegs and barrels, they—the barrels—must be stamped."

112 Men's O'coats & Suits, \$5.95
The "HUB" Clothing, Broadway, cor. Broadway St., Opp. Woolworth Building, will today & Saturday, 1,500 Men's Winter Suits, Overcoats & Raincoats, in black, blue, gray, blue, pencil, brown & dark mixed varieties, at special price \$15 in any other store; special price \$12 today and Saturday. Open Saturday night till 11. The Hub Clothing, 100 N. Broadway St.

GUNMEN BATTLE IN TENTH AVENUE; ONE IS CAPTURED

Pedestrians Dodge Bullets Until Policeman Fells Fleeing Duelist.

Another gun fight in the streets of New York occurred this afternoon at Tenth Avenue and Thirty-second Street. Four shots were fired and the people of the neighborhood fled in every direction from the singing bullets.

One of the gunmen was arrested. He said he was Joseph Joyce, alias Philip Murphy, who, the police say, has served a term in Elmira for burglary and was released from Sing Sing last September at the end of a two-and-a-half-year sentence for the same crime.

Joyce is twenty-six years old, a carpenter, and gave his address as No. 359 West Twenty-fifth street. Joyce said the man who shot at him was a member of the Hudson Dusters gang.

When the shooting began Policeman Schaeffer of the West Fifty-seventh Street Station, who was at Ninth Avenue and Thirty-third Street, leaped aboard a Fire Department messenger automobile and was driven at top speed to Tenth Avenue and Thirty-second Street. There he saw pedestrians scuttling for cover and two men blazing away at each other with pistols.

They were running southward on the avenue, and as Schaeffer came up in the motor car, Joyce swung about and leveled his pistol at him. Schaeffer, undismayed by the weapon, hurled himself at the gunman and landed his fist with a crash against the man's jaw.

Joyce went to the sidewalk unconscious. Schaeffer picked him up, threw him into the motor car and went southward after the other man. The fleeing man had fired three shots at Joyce and the latter had had time to fire only one when Schaeffer knocked him down in the railroad yard of the New York Central.

Among the cars and tracks at Thirty-first street the gunman who had fired at Joyce made his escape.

The police say Joyce is a member of the O'neal Madden gang. He told the police two of the Hudson Dusters tried to "shoot him up," that he knocked one down and took a pistol away from him. After that he fired in self-defense, he said.

The police believe the shooting is an aftermath of the killing of Patsy Doyle, at Forty-first Street and Eighth Avenue, last Saturday night. Joyce was held for felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law.

WAR TAX ON AUTOISTS.

ALBANY, Dec. 4.—Automobile owners and applicants for chauffeurs' licenses will have to pay 10 cents more for their 1915 privileges than they did last year. Attorney General Parsons has decided that the new revenue tax applies to these papers.

There are about 175,000 automobile owners and about 75,000 chauffeurs in the State, and the Government will receive about \$25,000. Every applicant must send with his application a 10-cent revenue stamp, left loose for affixing to the license during the season.

EXPENSIVE SHOW FORCES RECEIVER FOR LIEBLER FIRM

Lawyer Says Net Liabilities Are \$25,000 and Creditors Will Be Paid.

ACTION IS INVOLUNTARY

High Cost of "Garden of Paradise," Firm's Latest Show, Caused Downfall.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the Liebler Company, a theatrical producing organization, was filed to-day in the United States Court by Rosenberg, Lewis & Ball, counsel for certain creditors. Irving Dittenhoefer was appointed receiver of the Liebler concern.

The petitioning creditors are Harry Askin, No. 114 East Walton Place, Chicago, for moneys loaned and services rendered, \$1,000; Joseph Kornhauser, Inc., No. 718 Madison Avenue, \$300, and Gates & Morange, No. 185 East Twenty-ninth street, \$500.

The Liebler Company has been engaged in theatrical production for the past sixteen years and has launched some of the most pretentious and elaborate spectacles in modern theatricals. George Tyler is President of the company; Theodore Liebler Jr., Secretary, and Walton Bradford, Vice President.

Mr. Tyler referred inquiries about the failure to counsel for the company, Max D. Josephson of the Woolworth Building. Mr. Josephson said to an Evening World reporter this afternoon:

"The net liabilities of the Liebler Company do not amount to more than \$25,000. The liabilities are about \$325,000 and the assets \$300,000. The Liebler Company is a going concern, owning and controlling valuable properties and rights, and if the creditors will only be patient and allow the receiver to continue the business and pay pro rata as the money comes in the company will weather the storm."

"The direct cause of the trouble is the 'Garden of Paradise,' which opened last Saturday night at the Park Theatre. This show cost \$50,000. 'The money to launch this big enterprise came directly out of the Liebler Company. The banks are holding to their money these days. Consequently the cash balance of the company was squeezed and the demands of impatient creditors could not be met. These impatient creditors thereupon forced the firm into bankruptcy."

"Besides the 'Garden of Paradise,' the Liebler Company has put out other enterprises which took great sums of money. But the firm has a number of good income producers at work. It has a long lease on the Plymouth Theatre in Boston, which returned a profit of \$25,000 last year. 'Grumpy,' the Cyril Maude production which cleared \$40,000 last season, is playing there now. 'Joseph and His Brethren,' which made \$25,000 last year, and 'Diarrell,' which cleared \$25,000, are on tour. The 'Garden of Allah' made \$25,000 last year, but is not being shown at this time. It will make money again when times pick up. The Liebler Company owns a great deal of valuable scenery and costumes and the moving picture rights in nearly all its productions."

SAILING TO-DAY.

Tivolis, Sails, 12 M.
Ketchikan, Sails, 12 M.
Santiago, Sails, 12 M.
Apakah, Sails, 1 P.M.

ANOTHER GERMAN ATROCITY!



MILLIONAIRE HUNTED AS A WHITE SLAVER

Federal Prosecutor in Chicago Awaits Word of Arrest of Unnamed Man in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Charles F. Cline, United States District Attorney, to-day awaited word of the arrest in the East of a multi-millionaire whose conduct is said to have been under investigation by a Chicago Federal Grand Jury in connection with alleged violation of the Mann White Slave Act.

No hint of the name or residence of the man was given and no disclosure other than an admission that a Mann Act investigation had been made by the Grand Jury into the actions of a wealthy man was made by the Federal prosecutor.

GET YOUR FURS OUT; STORM IS ON THE WAY

Weather Bureau Says It Will Arrive To-Night From Tennessee.

Dealers in furs, overcoats and heavy garments and persons lacking same, attention!

The Weather Bureau has located a terrific storm moving northeastward over the State of Tennessee, which is due to arrive in this city to-night. Orders were issued at 10 o'clock to-day to hoist storm warnings along the Atlantic Coast from Cape Henry to Cape Cod.

Rain is predicted for to-night and

CHARGE MAN DESERTED AND ROBBED 20 WIVES

New York Girl Causes Arrest in Hoboken of Alleged Go-Between.

Twenty women in different parts of the country have been married, robbed and deserted by Otto Van Wagner of Chicago, according to the Hoboken police, who to-day started a countrywide search for the man.

The search follows the arrest in Hoboken to-day of Otto Klee on charges brought by Anna Kohler of New York. Klee is accused by Miss Kohler of being the go-between in the negotiations which led to her marriage to Van Wagner, April 23, in Chicago.

Another woman, Rosa Stetten, who said her home until recently was at No. 2041 Pierce Avenue, Chicago, also appeared against Klee.

Van Wagner's plan, according to the story the two women told the police, has been to have an advertisement inserted in the newspapers—usually the German press—announcing his desire to wed. The women say they answered these advertisements.

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CONGRESSMAN MERRITT, REPUBLICAN LEADER, DIES

Up-State Politician, Former Speaker of Assembly, Had Been Sick More Than a Year.

POTSDAM, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Edwin A. Merritt Jr., Congressman from the Thirty-first New York District, died of Bright's disease at his home here at 10 A. M. to-day. Merritt, who was fifty-four years old, was one of the best known figures in New York State politics. He was a former Speaker of the Assembly and was elected to Congress in 1912.

The Congressman had been in poor health ever since his attendance at the Gettysburg reunion in July, 1913, with his father, Gen. E. A. Merritt. He took cold there and went subsequently to a sanitarium at Danville, N. Y., remaining over a year.

Merritt had large business interests in New York, mostly in connection with water power development. He is survived by his widow and a daughter. His father was former Collector of the Port of New York and Consul General at London.

BARS CITY HALL CIRCUS.

Mayor Declines Offer for New Year's Eve.

There will be no circus in City Hall Park New Year's Eve. Mayor Mitchell will have to turn down an offer of the Starrett's Shows, of which Howard Starrett is "sole owner and manager," in which is a guarantee to furnish performing horses, ponies, donkeys, dogs and monkeys, clowns and acrobats.

Mr. Starrett says the circus would be a novelty. The Mayor agrees with him, but it is understood there are legal objections.

FRENCH AND BRITISH TRYING TO OUTFLANK ARMY OF THE KAISER

Tremendous Armies, Each Believed to Contain 750,000 Men, Are in a Death Grapple for Control of the Channel Coast.

GERMANS REPORT VICTORY IN ALSACE AND FLANDERS

LONDON, Dec. 4 [Associated Press].—In a despatch from Petrograd the correspondent of the Central News says:

"The battle of Lodz has ended in success for the Russian troops, according to the Bourse Gazette, which adds that great numbers of German prisoners, cannon and machine guns are being brought into Lodz."

PARIS, Dec. 4 [United Press].—The development of an offensive northeast from Ypres is indicated in to-day's official communique from the War Office. The statement reports heavy cannonades between Ypres and Roulers.

There is hard fighting along the railway and about Beclere and the Passchendaele road. Passchendaele is midway between Roulers and Ypres, which are thirteen miles apart. Beclere is about four miles south of Passchendaele.

It is believed this movement represents another attempt of the allies to reach Menin, an important point on the Ypres upon which they have been unable to advance along the direct road from Ypres.

The fighting to-day indicates a movement northward along the railroad toward Roulers as a part of an attempt to get around the German flank in this section in the Beclere forest. The statement declares:

"There were heavy cannonades intermittently yesterday between Ypres and Roulers, along the railway and the Beclere and Passchendaele roads. The Germans failed of success."

"In the Argonne several infantry attacks were repulsed. In Lorraine and the Woëvre region cannonading continued. Calm prevails from the Somme to the Argonne and in Alsace."

Four hundred thousand fresh British troops have reached France within the last month and are now in the trenches. They hold the line along the Yser. The Germans continue to mass forces between Cambrai and Ypres.

The full force of the counter-offensive of the allies has by no means yet been felt by the enemy. This is gradually developing toward an engagement of the greatest proportions.

LONDON, Dec. 4 [United Press].—The allied forces in Northern France and Belgium are now believed practically to equal the Germans in numerical strength.

Late reports put the strength of the allies in Belgium at 700,000. The eyewitness report of Col. E. D. Swinton, telling of the German drive toward Calais, states that from the north of La Bassée the Germans numbered 750,000. This bears out the admission of Gen. Sir John French that the allies were outnumbered, but with the arrival of reinforcements and the shortening of the British line, this advantage of the Germans may have been overcome.

Extraordinary methods have been taken on both sides for the gaining of some small advantage, and a general engagement will bring more than 1,400,000 into contact. Tremendous losses are certain.

It is believed that engineers have mined the German trenches and that they will be blown up in case of a withdrawal. The Germans have twice blown up French detachments after retreating from positions which were immediately occupied.

Berlin Reports French Losses Near Altkirch and in Belgium

BERLIN (by wireless to London), Dec. 4 [Associated Press].—The official statement given out to-day at the War Office, says:

"In the western theatre of war, French attacks against our troops in Flanders were repeatedly repulsed, as they were also in the region northwest of Altkirch, where the French suffered considerable losses."

"In the eastern theatre of war the enemy's attacks were repulsed."